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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 01/06/2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment under Rule 116. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Conclusion is at page 7 of this paper.

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